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SUBJ: GOV AUSTERITY MEASURES

1. A PRESIDENTIAL ORDER PUBLISHED JANUARY 18, 1976, PROHIBITS ALL GOV AGENCIES AND GOV-OWNED COMPANIES FROM ADDING PERSONNEL OR FILLING CURRENT VACANCIES. IT FURTHERMORE PROHIBITS THE CONTRACTING OR HIRING OF CONSULTANTS OR ADVISORS, EXCEPT FOR THE PURPOSES OF AUDITING, FOR NON-RECURRENT PROJECTS, OR FOR RELEVANT TECHNOLOGY ACQUISITION. THESE CASES REQUIRE THE APPROVAL OF THE CORRESPONDING MINISTER, WITH RATIFICATION BY THE PRESIDENT.

2. THE ORDER SEEMS INTENDED TO PRECLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT GOV AGENCIES MIGHT CIRCUMVENT THE PERSONNEL ROSTER FREEZE THROUGH THE MEANS OF CONTRACTING FOR ADVISORS AND CONSULTANTS. HOWEVER, THE POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT THE MEASURE WILL SLOW DOWN CONTRACTING FOR CONSULTANTS, AND INSPIRE CLOSER SCRUTINY OF FUTURE CONSULTING CONTRACTS WITH FOREIGN FIRMS.
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